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MSR (06.00)

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1. SCICOUNS INFORMED METAL'NIKOV ABOUT THE CONTENTS OF  
LETTER (REF A) BY TELEPHONE ON JUNE 6 AND DELIVERED  
FRANK-SIDORENKO LETTER TO AYKAZYAN AND METAL'NIKOV OF  
SCST ON JUNE 7. DURING THE MEETING SCICOUNS ORALLY  
MADE POINTS LISTED IN PARA 8 OF REFTEL. SOVIETS NOTED  
THAT THEY WILL GIVE THE LETTER TO SIDORENKO TODAY AND  
PLAN TO DISCUSS A RESPONSE WITH HIM AND WITH MFA REPS  
ON AN URGENT BASIS. AYKAZYAN PROPOSED TO MEET  
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SCICOUNS ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, TO CONVEY SOVIET RESPONDE  
TO FRANK LETTER.

2. WHILE NOT PREJUDGING WHAT SOVIET RESPONSE WOULD BE,  
AYKAZYAN STATES PRIORITY CONSIDERATION MUST BE GIVEN TO  
MODALITIES FOR EXTENSION ON OCEANS BILATERAL, NOTING  
THAT THE S&T BILATERAL WAS EXTENDED LAST YEAR BY EXCHANGE

OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES (SEE PARA 5 REF D). HE SUGGESTS SAME APPROACH BE USED THIS YEAR FOR OCEANS BILATERAL AND URGED SCICOUNS TO BRING WITH HIM DRAFT OF US NOTE ON TEMPORARY EXTENSION FOR DISCUSSION AT THE JUNE 12 MEETING. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WE PLAN TO PRESENT FOLLOWING DURING JUNE 12 MEETING:

"NOTING THAT THE US-USSR AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN STUDIES OF THE WORLD OCEAN WILL TERMINATE JUNE 19, 1978, AND THAT A MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN WORLD OCEANS STUDIES CANNOT BE CONVENED BEFORE THE TERMINATION DATE, THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES THAT THE AGREEMENT BE EXTENDED WITHOUT CHANGE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY DAYS. DURING THIS PERIOD THE US SIDE PROPOSES THAT A MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE TAKE PLACE TO DISCUSS, AMONG OTHER MATTERS, THE POSSIBLE RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT. IF THE SOVIET UNION AGREES TO THIS PROCEDURE, YOUR NOTE IN REPLY WILL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT TO THIS EFFECT."

3. METAL'NIKOV STATES HE WILL HAVE A REPLY ON JUNE 12 ON WHETHER HE OR KURASOV CAN TRAVEL TO US FOR MEETING WITH MARTINEAU THE WEEK OF JUNE 19. SCICOUNS NOTED IN THIS REGARD THAT APPOINTMENT FOR SOVIETS WITH LOS DELEGATION MEMBERS COULD BE ARRANGED, AND THAT US MAY ALSO SEEK INTERSESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS LATER ON LOS MATTERS. CONFIDENTIAL

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METAL'NIKOV STATED LOS WAS AN MFA RESPONSIBILITY, HOWEVER, HE APPEARED VERY RECEPTIVE TO IDEA OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. HE NOTED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT SOVIET LOS DELEGATION WILL BE ON LEAVE DURING JULY AND SUGGESTED THAT POSSIBLE US PROPOSALS ON CONSULTATIONS BE MADE BEFORE JULY 1. HE SUGGESTS THAT CONSULTATIONS MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN AUGUST, NOTING THAT SOVIET LOS DEL PROBABLY WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK AUGUST 21.

4. COMMENT. JUDGING FROM THE REACTIONS OF AYKAZYAN AND METAL'NIKOV, IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT THE SOVIETS WILL AGREE NEXT WEEK TO US PROPOSAL FOR A 180 DAY EXTENSION. THEY ALSO IMPLICITLY ACCEPTED THE LEGITIMACY OF LINKAGE BETWEEN THE AGREEMENT RENEWAL AND THE LOS-MSR ISSUE, IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THEIR MAY 4 ORAL REPLY TO THE PRESS/KIRILLIN LETTER BRANDING SUCH LINKAGE AS "NOT APPROPRIATE" (REF C). US FIRMNESS ON THIS ISSUE APPEARS TO BE MAKING ITS EFFECT. END COMMENT. MATLOCK

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